

# TANTALUS GANGETICUS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* longum, subulatum, teretiusculum, subarcuatum.

*Facies* ultra oculos nuda.

*Lingua* brevis, lata.

*Saccus jugularis* nudus.

*Nares* ovatae.

*Pedes* tetradactyli, basi palmati.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 240.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TANTALUS albus, te<sup>c</sup>tricibus alarum remigibusque nigricantibus, uropygio refeo.

TANTALUS leucocephalus.

*Lath. ind. orn.* 2. p. 706.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* Gmel. p. 649.

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In India innascitur Tantalus Gangeticus; magnitudine Ciconiam æquans vel superans. In Ceylonia quoque, aliisque insulis indicis conspicitur. Rostrum flavum. Pedes carnei.

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GANGETIC IBIS.



*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Bill* long, thick at the base, incurvated.

*Face*, and sometimes the whole head, naked.

*Nostrils* linear.

*Tongue* short.

*Toes* connected at the base by a membrane.

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.*

White IBIS, with the wing-coverts and remiges blackish ; the tail-coverts rose-coloured.

White-headed IBIS.

*Pennt. Ind. Zool.* p. 47. t. 11.

*Lath. Syn.* 3. p. 116.

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The Gangetic Ibis is a native of India, and is also found in Ceylon and other Indian islands. In size it is equal, or rather superior to the common Stork. The bill is yellow : the legs pale rose-color.

